



Spring 2018

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President's Message

As I reported to you in the January newsletter, it has been a challenging 2017 – 2018 season for the Naples Council on World Affairs. And Irma—or the circumstances she visited upon us—stalked us the whole season long. Still, we worked our way through it all quite well in the end, even as rough waters continued to arise in unexpected places. There's something about traversing challenging waters successfully that makes a team see in it, or feel in it, something of shared accomplishment and identity.

As you know, our hopes, our expectations, of returning to Kiney Hall at St. John's Church for the second half of the Lecture Series were eventually dashed. But in the end, Mimi's tireless efforts always found another excellent venue for the next, or next few, lectures. I would like to thank again Temple Shalom, where we were accommodated six times, Artis, twice, Gulf Coast High School, and, when we had but one lecture remaining without a venue, the Moorings Presbyterian Church came through for us.

For yet another season, NCWA can take a deep, collective breath and indulge a sense of satisfaction. Despite all, we have again brought to our membership a lecture series that offered some of the best speakers, most timely topics, and yes, most welcoming and comfortable venues available. And soon our Program Committee will again turn their attention and planning efforts to next year's program.

But it was not just the Lecture Series that struggled with venue or other issues this year. The Great Decisions groups, especially those at the United Way, had to contend with the unpredictable schedule of board room use, and other challenges. Gerry Melnick handled it all with patience, good communications, and effective teamwork. The Model UN program, led by Mo Winograd, successfully dealt with significant organizational challenges and changes, as did the Student Outreach program under Jan Guben. And in the backroom operations, there were still more challenges to be met. Still, while we feel good about the way a difficult season has been successfully navigated, we nonetheless look forward to a more settled and predictable set of circumstances to greet us all for the 2018 – 2019 season.

I would also like to take a minute and a few lines to thank those among our board members who have served us well and will be leaving the board this year: Stan Chauvin (VAP), Dick Clemens (Secretary; Newsletter), Bob Erbstein (past VP – Operations), Jan Guben (Student Outreach), and Mo Winograd (Model UN). Thank you all for your dedication and service to NCWA. You will all be missed.



Gregory E. Hudson

President

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Program Committee

As we reach the last lecture in our series for 2017-2018, I confess to being happily relieved! The year has certainly brought us challenges from Hurricane Irma and all the hotels, churches, schools that have suffered at her fury. The Program Committee is so grateful that we somehow pulled it together and were able to bring our members a great list of speakers.

From Migration to Climate Change, we covered Russia, China, and North Korea and you have to say those were “hot” topics. We had a retrospective on Iraq and Afghanistan with Ambassador Ryan Crocker, and a concerning look at our State Department and NATO by Ambassador Nicholas Burns. Frankly, it doesn’t get much better than those two Statesmen. We also had a serious look at Ukraine, and a look at the future with Google which taught me, at least, that our generation is not quite ready for that “new language”.



Ambassador Ryan Crocker

We will meet soon to begin the planning for next year and hope that the hurricane Season will be absent from our weather forecasts.

Wishing you all a great summer season.



Mimi C. Gregory

Vice President for Programs

Model United Nations

Although we had only 13 schools participating this year as a result of Hurricane Irma, the 227 students who came from Port Charlotte, Cape Coral, Lee and Collier County were outstanding. They were all well practiced, articulate and engaged. Naples Council on World Affairs is privileged to be able to say that our 25th annual Model UN was another huge success.

Many thanks to the 48 Naples Council members who volunteered as judges. A huge shout out to our NCWA members who donated significant dollars so that these young people, who compete every year, can go off to college with scholarships or earn money for their respective Model UN clubs by winning special prizes. If you look at the list of the winners (see below), you will see how much actual money is donated. This year we raised our scholarship fund from \$14,000 to \$20,000 for dedicated scholarships and \$1,100 for dedicated special prizes, thanks to everyone's generosity.



Top Left: Mo Winograd, Model UN Chair, presents a scholarship award to top delegate Maxwell Slater from Cape Coral High School.

Top Right: Dick Clemens, NCWA Secretary, presenting a scholarship named in honor of Ralph J. Bunche, a past winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, to Madisyn Tedrow from Gulf Coast High School.

Bottom Left: Mo Winograd presents a scholarship funded by Iqbal and Shelby Mamdani to Daniela Kyle from Gulf Coast High School.

Bottom Right: Mo Winograd presents a scholarship funded by Iqbal and Shelby Mamdani to Gabrielle Seibert from Port Charlotte High School.

2018 MODEL UN CONFERENCE WINNERS

Most Improved School

Palmetto Ridge High School

Top Delegations

1st Place: United Kingdom (Cape Coral High School)

2nd Place: United States (Gulf Coast High School)

3rd Place: China (Port Charlotte High School)

Position Paper Awards

School	Country	Student	
1st: Cypress Lake Hudson scholarship)	Saudi Arabia	Alexa Lowman	(\$1000 Greg
2nd: Gulf Coast Merkel Memorial)	India	Skylar Fray	(\$500 Barbara
3rd: Gulf Coast card)	United States	Madisyn Tedrow	(\$150 Amazon gift
4th: Oasis gift card)	Russia	Shane Durepo	(\$100 Amazon
5th: Gulf Coast card)	India	Jackie George	(\$50 Amazon gift
6th: Gulf Coast	India	Kaitlyn Kugel	
7th: Barron Collier	Italy	Corey Olmstead	
8th: Gulf Coast	United States	Elaine Kim	

9th: Port Charlotte China Simon Nease
 10th: Bishop Verot Germany Megan Piller

North Korea Competition

\$500 Howard & Nancy Cohen Award - Bishop Verot High School
 \$350 Mickey & Mo Winograd Award - Palmetto Ridge High School
 \$250 Pat Cacho Award - Gulf Coast High School

Platinum Awards

(Scholarships of varying amounts)

Award	Amount	School	Delegate
Robert A. King	\$2,000.00	Port Charlotte	Taylor Torres
David & Beverly Worthington	\$2,000.00	Gulf Coast	Alyssa Zinn
George Gotschall Memorial	\$2,250.00	Gulf Coast	Elaine Kim
Deborah & Franklin Wyman	\$2,500.00	Port Charlotte	Hazen Williams
Thomas J. O'Gorman Memorial	\$2,500.00	Port Charlotte	Sydney White
Ralph J. Bunche	\$2,750.00	Gulf Coast	Madisyn Tedrow
NCWA Top Delegate	\$3,000.00	Cape Coral	Maxwell Slafer

Gold Awards

Representing the United States, from Gulf Coast High School, Marcos Damian-Noyola
 (\$1000 scholarship)

Silver Awards

(\$1500 scholarships)

Award	School	Country	Delegate
Gregor Zore & Edith Hunt	Gulf Coast	United States	Brianna Pawlyshyn
Frank Steere	Cape Coral	United Kingdom	Tuan Tran

Frank Steer	Cape Coral	United Kingdom	Galia Pino
Iqbal & Shelby Mamdani	Gulf Coast	United States	Daniela Kyle
Iqbal & Shelby Mamdani	Port Charlotte	China	Gabrielle Seibert

Three students won Bronze awards and forty-eight students from six different high schools won Committee Awards.



Coaches from high schools participating in Model UN Program.
Each coach was present a gift card thanks to funding provided by Earl and Barrie Anderson.



Mo Winograd

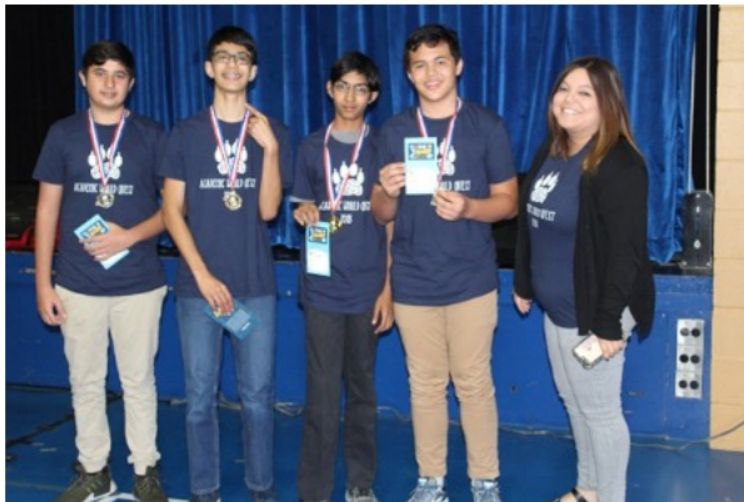
Chair, Model United Nations

School Outreach Committee

The twelfth annual Middle School Academic World Quest competition, sponsored by the Naples Council on World Affairs, was held at the Community School of Naples on March 24, 2018. 33 teams of four students each representing seven Collier County Middle Schools participated, answering 100 questions covering international affairs, history, civics, and current events. The winning teams received gift certificates to the Barnes and Noble bookstore and medals of academic achievement. Their photos are below.



Pine Ridge Middle School, Team A (First Place)
Lisa Carraher (Coach) and Darshan Dadlani, Enis Likovic,
Carson McMurry and Diego Michalup



Oakridge Middle School (Second Place)
Michael Cope, Zayn Dalao, Charles Jaikaran, Bharath Ram and
Ashley Forrest (coach)

The third place winner was another team Pine Ridge Middle School, Team B, also coached by Lisa Carraher. The team members were Chris Barcia, David Hintz, Robbie Hunter, and Jack McElrath



Jan Guben

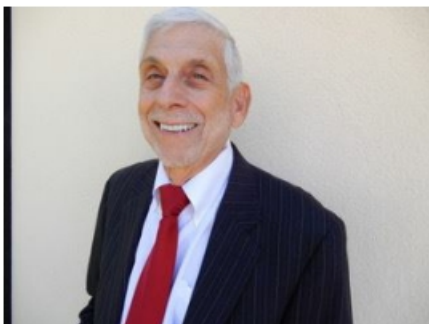
Chair, School Outreach Committee

Great Decisions

Great Decisions completed its 2018 season with a record enrollment of 830 registrants distributed in 27 groups from Marco Island to Estero. With one exception all groups were filled. In planning for the 2019 program one additional group will be added and a new group leader designated. The site, day, date, and time have not as yet been formalized. Pre-registration for existing groups

started March 26th and will end on April 16th. Open registration for members begins April 19th and closes May 31st.

Karen Rohan, Editor and Chief of the Great Decisions briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association came to Naples and spoke to all 27 group leaders on March 15th. A dynamic discussion ensued in which the group leaders shared their ideas on potential topics for the 2019 program which begins on January 14th and ends on March 8th.



Gerry Melnick

Chair, Great Decisions

Village Assistance Program

Haitian children from the Island of Hispaniola (an island that the Dominican Republic and Haiti share) as well as children from the Kagera Region of Tanzania will enjoy the needed benefits of a library and help in access to clean water to their school from the NCWA's Village Assistance Program budget this year. NCWA Members can feel justifiable joy in knowing that NCWA has ensured a more promising future for these young students in less fortunate parts of the world.

The NCWA Board of Directors approved A \$5,000 grant for a project proposed by NCWA member Eugene Burke for the Yspaniola Project to revamp the Batey Libertad Learning Center. The Board also approved a \$5,00 grant to the Tumiani Fund USA, Inc. to build a shallow well to supply clean water to the Bukiriguru Primary School in the northwestern part of Tanzania. This grant was proposed by NCWA member William Cedfeldt.



Stanley Chauvin

Chair, VAP Committee

Membership Information

We have had an “exciting” year as we have moved around for lectures. In addition to our Directors who have been at the door to greet you, I would like to thank our volunteers for their dedication: Pat Bush, Ulla Doose, Lynn Libman and Nancy Wallace.

Thanks to our members, renewals were completed as of March 20, 2018. Starting in early April, we will begin to invite Associate Members to become full members according to the date each member joined. The process can take a few months as we fill available seats at each lecture. Those who do not receive an invitation this year will remain Associate Members with the same benefits at no additional charge and will move up on the wait list accordingly. Everyone will receive notification of their status by mid-summer.

All members are encouraged to access their profiles under the Members tab on ncwa-fl.org to be sure the mailing instructions are accurate. This is very important! We will be mailing membership cards along with the lecture schedule the first week of September as first class mail. The Post Office will return any that are undeliverable as they did last year - otherwise we will assume you have your cards. We will have returned cards at the first lecture, and notify you by email that we have them. There will be a charge for replacements.

As a reminder, we are using email and our website for all member and associate member communications. Any changes to your address, phone number or email must be made on the member profile page of the website. Also, you can call 239 649-3942. The only exceptions are the membership

card mailing and the Annual Meeting notice. If you have not given us an email address, please do so or make arrangements to get the news from other members.



Judith Lipnick

Vice President, Operations

Donation Information

Members and friends of NCWA are encouraged to make donations to NCWA to help us support and expand our important outreach activities, such as the Model UN, Academic World Quest and School Outreach Programs mentioned in this newsletter. Students receive scholarships made possible by your donations. Donations may be made online at www.ncwa-fl.org/Donations or checks may be mailed to Naples Council on World Affairs, 2316 Pine Ridge Road, Box 361, Naples, Florida 34109-2006. Membership in the President's Club is given to NCWA members who have donated \$250 or more to NCWA within the current calendar year or provide endowments annually equal to or exceeding \$250.00. Membership in the President's Club provides an opportunity to attend luncheons hosted for featured speakers.
